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TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

Wednesday, the 4th November 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council re-assembled, in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven thirty-one of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Levy of Fines in Schools.

40. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any further and definite steps have been taken by them in the matter of the wrongful realisation of fine, along with fees, referred to in their answer to question No. 66 (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*) asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 8th August 1925, and, if so, with what result ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Headmasters who wrongly levied the fines have been warned and the fines so realised by them have been ordered to be refunded to the respective pupils.

Registry of Lands to Members of the Maravar Community.

41. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Were there applications from poor Maravar families for the registry of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands in the Tovala, Agastisvaram and Shencotta taluks ?

(*b*) What is the total area of lands registered hitherto in the names of such families ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No application for the registry of *puduval* or *poramboke* lands were received from Maravar families in the taluks of Tovala and Shencotta. In the Agastisvaram taluk, there were three such applications, of which two were disposed of otherwise than by registry and one is pending.

(*b*) No land has hitherto been registered in the names of such families in any of the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Shencotta.

Acquisition of Lands for Approach Roads to Villages of Sambavars.

42. MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is there a Government order to the effect that no compensation should be demanded from Sambavars on account of lands acquired for approach roads to their villages?

(*b*) When was this order passed?

(*c*) Has this order been communicated to the Tahsildars of the Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam, Vilavankod and Shencotta taluks?

(*d*) If so, when?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. There is an order to the effect that roads required for the use of the depressed classes should be opened as far as possible at Government cost.

(*b*) The order was passed on the 28th May, 1924.

(*c*) & (*d*) The order is reported to have been communicated to the Tahsildars of Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks on the 3rd Karkatakam, 1100 and to the Tahsildars of Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks on the 5th Mithunam, 1099. It is reported that the order was not communictaed to the Shencotta Tahsildar.

Medical Aid and Sanitation in the Planting Districts.

43. MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA (*Nominated*): (*a*) How many Government and grant-in-aid Hospitals and Dispensaries are maintained in the planting districts?

(*b*) Does any Government officer periodically inspect the localities in which the labourers and other estate employees live in the planting districts and submit reports regarding the sanitary condition of those localities?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 13.

(*b*) No Government officer conducts periodical inspection of these places. This is attended to by the proprietors of the estates concerned.

Construction of a foot bridge across the Channankara Canal.

44. MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when the Chief Engineer was asked to submit an estimate for constructing a foot bridge across the Channankara canal on the road from Pallittura to Kazhakuttam?

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